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SUBJECT: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER CRITICAL OF OAS: CALLS FOR REFORM

BARBADOS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER HENRY FORDE WAS VERY CRITICAL OF THE OAS UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE OASGA IN WASHINGTON. FORDE TOLD A JUNE 27 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE OAS WAS QUOTE TOO HIGHLY LEGALISTIC, FULL OF SPEECHES AND OVERLY CONCERNED WITH SPLITTING HAIRS UNQUOTE. FORDE SAID THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL WASTED TIME WITH PIOUS STATEMENTS ON INSIGNIFICANT ISSUES AND WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERFERING IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OAS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. FORDE SAID THE GENERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS OF THE CARIBBEAN AND THE HEMISPHERE AND THE NUMEROUS BORDER OR SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTES IN THE HEMISPHERE WERE SERIOUS SUBJECTS THAT THE OAS HAD MANAGED TO IGNORE TO NOW, ALTHOUGH HE ADDED THAT THE GOB WOULD CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR OAS CONSIDERATION OF THE MORE SERIOUS ISSUES CONFRONTING OAS MEMBERS. HE COMPLIMENTED THE WORK BEING DONE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, HOWEVER.

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